

have an opportunity to speak, time limits may not allow this to occur. The Council will make the final determination on selection and scheduling of speakers.

All written statements presented at the hearings will be accepted and incorporated into the public record. Written statements submitted in lieu of oral testimony should be received no later than 30 days after each hearing in order to be included in the public record. However, while written statements received after this date will be accepted, inclusion in the public record cannot be guaranteed.

A staff member from the Council of Chief State School Officers will preside at each of the hearings. The proceedings will be audio taped. The hearings can also be signed for the hearing-impaired, upon advance request.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Additional information is available from the Council offices for anyone wishing to obtain more specifics on the assessment project. A draft assessment framework document will be made available to interested parties prior to the hearings in October and November. Individuals desiring additional information on a specific hearing should contact Council offices at (202) 336-7076.

**STEPS AFTER HEARING:** The Council will review and analyze all comments and opinions received in response to this announcement. A report of the outcomes of these hearings will be made available to the public upon request after January 1996.

The results of this public testimony, along with the Council's civics education consensus committee work, will be used to formulate recommendations for the NAEP Civics Education Assessment for the National Assessment Governing Board. The Board, charged with developing the assessment framework and specifications, will take final action on the Council's recommendations in the spring of 1996.

A record of all Council proceedings will be kept at the Council of Chief State School Officers until March 1996, at which time all records will be transferred to the National Assessment Governing Board, and will be available for public inspection.

Dated: August 31, 1995.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Morgantown Energy Technology Center; Rapid Commercialization Initiative Announcement

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy (DOE), Morgantown Energy Technology Center.  
**ACTION:** Rapid Commercialization Initiative.

**SUMMARY:** The Rapid Commercialization Initiative (RCI) Announcement is being issued by the U. S. Department of Commerce, U. S. Department of Defense, Environmental Protection Agency, and the U. S. Department of Energy. The RCI is a component of the Administration's efforts to build cooperative interactions between the private sector, states, and federal agencies to advance a national environmental technology strategy and bring environmental technologies to market more rapidly and efficiently. The primary mission of the RCI is to identify and reduce the barriers that impede market entry of the four categories of environmental technologies—avoidance, monitoring and assessment, control, and remediation and restoration technologies—by facilitating and accelerating commercialization.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** RCI Project Team, U.S. Department of Energy, Morgantown Energy Technology Center, P.O. Box 880, Morgantown, West Virginia 26507-0880, Telefax: (304) 285-4683.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** RCI has two short-term goals. The first goal of RCI is to provide services to companies to address the three key barriers targeted in the Announcement: (1) Assistance in finding appropriate sites for demonstration/testing of near commercial environmental technologies; (2) assistance in verification of the performance and the cost of performance of RCI technologies; and (3) assistance in facilitating and expediting the issuance of permits. Proposers may request assistance in any one, two, or all three of the RCI services. Industry is invited and encouraged to propose innovative approaches that streamline activity, process, or reporting; save time; improve quality or safety; reduce cost; or eliminate duplication or overlap, to address any or all of the enumerated RCI services.

The second goal of RCI is to identify other important barriers, such as unpredictable commercialization pathways, improving market data, and streamlining regulations and processes to meet government mission program requirements. This information will be used for future consideration and planning relative to the long term goal

of RCI to reduce these other barriers. Companies interested in applying for RCI assistance should request a copy of the Announcement which contains specific proposal preparation instructions. Proposal due date is September 28, 1995. Only written requests for the Announcement will be honored. Requests should be sent to the RCI Project Team, at telefax number (304) 285-4683. Letters requesting the solicitation should be addressed to the attention of the RCI Project Team, at the letterhead address and may reference number 95-32247.

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## Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

### Alternative-Fuel Automotive Technician Training; Voluntary Certification Program

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of TeleVideo Conference.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this notice is to facilitate participation by interested members of the public in a TeleVideo conference, co-presented by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), which will focus on the voluntary national certification program for private-sector alternative fuel vehicle training programs for automotive technicians.

**DATES:** The TeleVideo conference is scheduled for satellite broadcast on September 14, 1995 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Eastern Time).

**ADDRESSES:** The public can participate in the TeleVideo conference and obtain information on how to arrange a video conference receive site by calling Steve Husty, West Virginia University Network Coordinator at (304) 293-2867 ext. 424. On the day of the conference, questions may be called in to 1-800-265-6104 or FAXed to (304) 293-7541. Registration is free.

Satellite Information: Telestar 302, Transponder: 10V, Channel: 19 (Downlink frequency: 4080 MHz), Trouble number: 1-800-809-5465, Information: Jack Johns, (304) 293-4221.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Instructions on how to apply for certification of alternative fuel technician training programs may be obtained from the National Automotive Technician Education Foundation (NATEF) by calling (703) 713-0100, after September 14, 1995. For general